

## Speaker Bios

**Dr. Hubert Karreman** has been a dairy practitioner in Lancaster County, PA for the past 11 years and works with 85 certified and transitioning organic herds. He is the author of *Treating Dairy Cows Naturally* (Acres USA, 2007) and has authored chapters in many veterinary publications. Dr Karreman is a member of the USDA's National Organic Standards Board

**Jim and Nancy Gardiner** operate a certified organic dairy in NY. Over the past 16 years, Jim and Nancy have used vitamins, minerals and herbs to maintain health.

**Trevor Adams** worked in a predominantly dairy vet practice in Somerset, UK. He is a qualified veterinary homeopath, offering a consultancy in Homeopathy and Acupuncture for all species, and is one of the Homeopathy at Wellie Level (HAWL) instructors.

**Sue Miles** is a practicing homeopath treating humans and helping farmers in treating their animals. She is also one of the instructors for the Homeopathy at Wellie Level (HAWL) courses offered in the UK.

**Dr. Ann Wells** is a veterinarian from Arkansas working with farmers on animal wellness programs. She raises grassfed lamb and beef and feels that managing livestock to keep them healthy is the most sustainable way to raise them.

**Gary Zimmer** is a farmer and educator dedicated to biological and organic agriculture. His 1,200 acre organic farm (Otter Creek Organic Farm) includes a 200 cow dairy, pasture raised beef, hogs, poultry, and vegetables.

**Jerry Brunetti** is Managing Director of Agri-Dynamics, a company offering organically approved animal supplements and health products. Jerry consults with farmers about the importance of soil health in raising quality feeds and healthy animals.

**Dr. Juan Velez** received his veterinary training from the Universidad de La Salle, Columbia, and then completed a residency in bovine production medicine at the University of Florida. Dr Velez is a diplomat of the American College of Theriogenology. Previously he has served as Aurora Dairy's Director of Farms and is currently the Vice President of Farm Operations, overseeing all ag related functions on Aurora's farms.

**Dr. Ynte Schukken** is the director of Quality Milk Production Services and a Professor of Epidemiology at Cornell University. His research focus has been in the application of epidemiology on animal disease research, particularly udder health.

**Sarah Flack** works with NOFA-VT's Organic Dairy and Livestock Technical Assistance Program, and is the author of *Organic Dairy Production*. She grew up on a grass-based farm, and assists dairy farmers with their transition to organic production.

## Understanding Organics: Livestock Management and Health

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT), in partnership with Quality Milk Production Services (QMPS) of Cornell University, are pleased to host two initial conferences **designed to educate extension personnel, veterinarians, and other professionals working with organic or transitioning livestock producers.**

These conferences, funded in part through the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NESARE), will focus on the comprehensive nuts and bolts of organic livestock production and will serve as the platform for future resources and trainings.

**These events will qualify for Continuing Education Credit / Professional Development Units** and will provide classroom style learning, interactive problem solving and training in proper conduct & analysis of on-farm clinical trials for the evaluation of complementary therapies.

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For more information, contact NOFA-VT at:  
802-434-4122, or [info@nofavt.org](mailto:info@nofavt.org).

## Conference Coordinators

**Lisa McCrory** is the Project Coordinator and works for NOFA-VT as a Dairy and Livestock Technical Advisor assisting dairy and livestock farmers with resources including grazing management, business planning, livestock health, and transitioning to organic production.  
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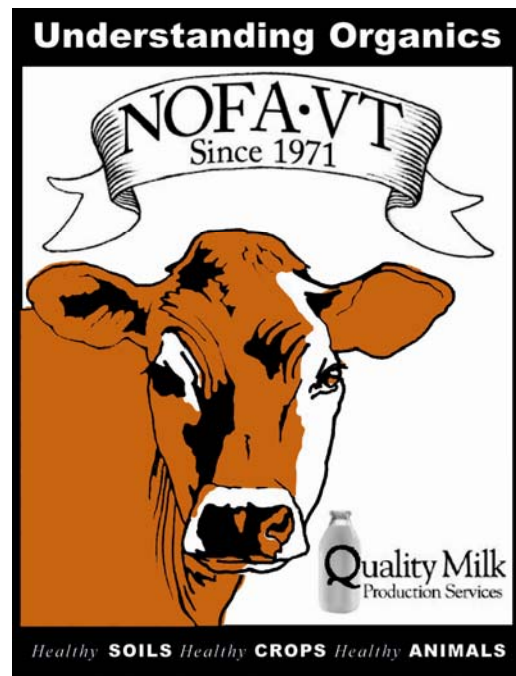
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**Lawrence Andres** and his wife Matti founded the Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario and helped start EFAO short courses in ecological agriculture. They farm 400 acres, have a 90 cow dairy herd, and market a full line of fluid milk products under their Harmony Organic label.

**Jim Riddle** is the Organic Outreach Coordinator for the University of Minnesota. Jim was founding chair of the Independent Organic Inspectors Association (IOIA), co-author of the IFOAM/IOIA International Organic Inspection Manual and former chair of the USDA's National Organic Standards Board.

**Dr. Brian Baker** is OMRI's Research Director. He has worked with organic farmers since 1983 and coordinated the National Organic Standards Board's Technical Advisory Panel.

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### Same Conference Presented in Two Locations:

**February 14-16, 2007**  
Alfred State College  
Alfred, NY

**March 6-8, 2007**  
University of  
New Hampshire  
Durham, NH

### Presented by:

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- Location 1: Alfred State College, February 14 – 16, 2007
- Location 2: University of New Hampshire, March 6 – 8, 2007

The early registration fee of \$290 ends January 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration after this date is \$325 for all 3 days. Please register early: space is limited.

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## Conference Agenda

### Day 1: February 14 or March 6

12:45	Welcome and Opening Remarks (Lisa McCrory, NOFA-VT; Linda Tikofsky, QMPS)
1:00 - 2:00	<b>Keynote Address: Lawrence Andres</b> , Canadian organic dairy farmer and founder of Harmony Organics
2:00 - 3:30	<b>Jim Riddle</b> (Organic Outreach Coordinator, University of Minnesota): History and Basic Principles of Organic Agriculture and the National Organic Program  <b>Dr. Brian Baker</b> (Research Director, Organic Materials Review Institute): Allowed, Restricted and Prohibited Materials for Use on Organic Farms—How are they categorized and reviewed?
4:00 - 5:00	<b>Jim Gardiner</b> (Organic Dairy Producer): U.S. Perspective of Health Management on Organic Farms and the Philosophy of Organic Farming

### ~ Concurrent Evening Sessions ~

	Both Locations	UNH Only
7:00 - 8:00	<b>Jim Riddle:</b> eOrganic - A New National Extension Service Information Network for Organic Agriculture	<b>Sponsor Educational Session:</b> Speaker to be Announced
8:00 - 9:00	<b>Sponsored by Organic Valley February 14<sup>th</sup> (Alfred):</b> <b>Peter Miller:</b> Organic Dairy Quality Premium Program: Quality Testing Standards and Strategies to Obtain the Best Premiums  <b>March 6<sup>th</sup> (UNH): Dr. Paul Detloff:</b> Practical Animal Health Approaches on the Organic Dairy.	<b>Sponsor Educational Session:</b> Speaker to be Announced

### Day 2: February 15 or March 7

8:30 - 10:00	<b>Dr. Hubert Karreman</b> , (PennDutch Cow Care): Agro Ecology of Livestock Health: The Multi-Prong Approach
10:30 - 11:15	<b>Dr. Juan Velez</b> (Aurora Organic Dairy): Animal Welfare and the Organic Dairy

## Conference Agenda Cont.

### Day 2 (Cont.): February 15 or March 7

11:15-12:30	<b>Dr. Anne Wells</b> (Springpond Holistic Animal Health): Integrated Parasite Management for Ruminant Livestock	
~ Concurrent Workshop Sessions ~		
1:30 - 2:45	<b>Gary Zimmer</b> (Midwestern Bio-Ag): Healthy Soils Make Healthy Forages	<b>Feb 15<sup>th</sup> (Alfred) Trevor Adams; March 7<sup>th</sup> (UNH) Sue Miles:</b> Homeopathy in Organic Dairy Practice.
3:15 - 4:30	<b>Jerry Brunetti</b> (Agri-Dynamics): Healthy Feed Makes Healthy Livestock	<b>Dr. Hubert Karreman:</b> Biologics and Botanicals and Their Use in Livestock Care

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7:00 - 8:00	<b>Feb 15<sup>th</sup> (Alfred) Trevor Adams; March 7<sup>th</sup> (UNH) Sue Miles:</b> Advanced Homeopathy and the HAWL program in the UK	<b>Sponsored by Stonyfield Farm</b>  <b>Sponsor Educational Session:</b> Speaker to be Announced
8:00 - 9:00	<b>Sarah Flack</b> (NOFA-VT): Understanding the Pasture Standards for Livestock and the Basics of Grazing	<b>Sponsor Educational Session:</b> Speaker to be Announced

### Day 3: February 16 or March 8

8:30 - 10:00	<b>Dr. Ynte Schukken</b> (Quality Milk Production Services): Basic Clinical Trial Design and Considerations for Conducting On-Farm Evaluations of Complementary Therapy
10:30 - 12:30	<b>Alfred State College / UNH Share Organic Research Plans &amp; Opportunities</b> Livestock Case Studies
1:00 - 2:30	<b>Lunch and Roundtable Discussion:</b> A Time to Debrief and Determine Future Direction

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